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1. Amil Ghuri<sup>1</sup> returned to Cairo from Beirut on 10 January 1953. Prior to that date he had visited the following: Msgr. Beltrami, the Papal Nuncio in Beirut; Ilyas Salibi, Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Beirut; and Lebanese President Camille Sham'un.
  2. Ghuri asked Msgr. Beltrami to convey to the Vatican the thanks of the Arab Higher Executive for the support given to the Arab cause in the United Nations by the Latin American states. He also asked Metropolitan Salibi to thank the Soviet Government for its support in the United Nations.<sup>2</sup>
1. Ghuri was reported in SO-101623 as having been recalled from Beirut to Cairo by the ex-Grand Mufti, Hajj Amin al-Husayni.
  2. Source Comment. It was Ghuri's original intention to convey the thanks of the Arab Higher Executive to the Soviet Government via Greek Orthodox Patriarch Tahhan in Damascus. The previous arrest there of two prominent Mufti supporters, Ma'ruf Dawalibi and Shaykh Mustafa al-Siba'i, persuaded him that such a course of action would be unwise.

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